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DEAR JIM:

1. AS WE APPROACH THE HOLIDAY SEASON AND THE BEGINNING OF A NEW YEAR, I WANT TO TAKE THIS OCCASION TO WISH YOU, ANITA, AND THE MEMBERS OF YOUR STAFF A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND TO EXPRESS MY PERSONAL APPRECIATION FOR YOUR WORK AND THE SUPPORT YOU HAVE GIVEN US DURING THIS MOMENTOUS YEAR.

2. WHILE SAUDI ARABIA HAS BEEN AT CENTER STAGE AND THE INFLUX OF AMERICANS HAS BEEN VERY RAPID, I AM PAINFULLY AWARE THAT OUR RESOURCES HAVE NOT ALWAYS KEPT APACE AND IN SOME CASES THERE HAVE BEEN SETBACKS. YOUR ALLOWANCES HAVE BEEN CUT (A WORLD-WIDE PHENOMENON), AND THE STAFF HAS NOT BEEN INCREASED. HOWEVER, WE ARE WORKING ON POSITION REQUESTS AND HOPE THAT MORE RESOURCES WILL BECOME AVAILABLE. IN ANY EVENT, I KNOW THAT I CAN COUNT ON YOUR PROFESSIONALISM TO CONTINUE TO MEET THE CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES OF THE YEAR AHEAD. THANKS FOR A JOB WELL DONE AND WARMEST WISHES FOR THE HOLIDAY SEASON. SINCERELY, ALFRED L. ATHERTON, JR. KISSINGER

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